

(3) advising DADS about effective methods for expanding the availability of affordable respite services in Texas through the use of funds available from respite care programs;

(4) cooperating and sharing resources and knowledge among community stakeholders to facilitate barrier free access for primary caregivers; and

(5) educating the public on the need for community-based options for primary caregivers.

(c) The TRAC is composed of no more than 24 members. A quorum of 5 members is required to convene and transact committee business. Members must represent family caregivers, primary caregivers, respite care advocacy organizations, faith-based organizations, and members of public interested in the issue of respite care.

(d) The TRAC meets quarterly and submits quarterly reports of committee meetings to the commissioner or designee.

(e) The TRAC is abolished on March 1, 2026.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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## PART 12. TEXAS BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

### CHAPTER 374. DISCIPLINARY AC- TIONS/DETRIMENTAL PRACTICE/COM- PLAINT PROCESS/CODE OF ETHICS

#### 40 TAC §374.4

The Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners adopts an amendment to §374.4, Code of Ethics, concerning the code of ethics, without changes to the proposed text as published in the December 4, 2015, issue of the *Texas Register* (40 TexReg 8741). The rule will not be republished.

The amendment will update in §374.4 the code of ethics and the principles and related standards of conduct associated with such; the amendment includes further clarifications and cleanups, as well.

The amendment will remove the 2010 version of the Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics by the American Occupational Therapy Association from §374.4 and will replace it with the excerpted principles and related standards of conduct from the 2015 version of the American Occupational Therapy Association's Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics.

One comment was received by the Board from Chrissy Vogetley, Manager of State Affairs of the American Occupational Therapy Association, in support of the proposed amendment and the inclusion of the principles and related standards of conduct from AOTA's 2015 Occupational Therapy Code of Ethics. The Board acknowledged the comment and made no changes to the amendment based on the comment. The language of the amendment remains the same as was initially proposed.

The amendment is adopted under the Occupational Therapy Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle H, Chapter 454, Occupations Code, which provides the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners with the authority to adopt rules consistent with this Act to carry out its duties in administering this Act.

The agency certifies that legal counsel has reviewed the adoption and found it to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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## PART 20. TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

### CHAPTER 800. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 40 TAC §800.5

The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) adopts amendments to the following section of Chapter 800, relating to General Administration *without* changes, as published in the November 6, 2015, issue of the *Texas Register* (40 TexReg 7803):

Subchapter A. General Provisions, §800.5

PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY

PART II. EXPLANATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS

PART I. PURPOSE, BACKGROUND, AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of the adopted Chapter 800 rule change is to comply with House Bill (HB) 3337, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2015). HB 3337, relating to training and education for state agency administrators and employees, amends Texas Government Code, Chapter 656, by establishing additional requirements for reimbursement for training or education offered by an institution of higher education, including:

--authorization by the agency executive director before tuition reimbursement payment may be made (§656.048(b));

--implementation of an objective policy governing tuition reimbursement, including online courses and courses not credited toward a degree (§656.102(b)(1)); and